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SURVEY ON NPP RUNNING MATE
Intelligence Assessment Report

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Matthew Opoku Prempeh, the Minister of Energy and Member of Parliament for Manhyia South, is widely preferred among party members to be a running mate to Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia for the 2024 General Election. There is a strong consensus that the running mate should be selected from the Ashanti region.

Introduction

In anticipation of the selection of a running mate by Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, the NPP Presidential candidate for the 2024 general election, the National Intelligence Bureau (NIB) conducted a comprehensive nationwide survey from June 12 to June 14, 2024. This survey targeted NPP delegates, including national, regional, constituency, and polling station executives, utilizing the party's delegates album to ensure a representative sample. The survey polled 5116 party executives.

Results and Discussion

Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh, commonly known as NAPO, who currently serves as the Minister of Energy and Member of Parliament (MP) for Manhyia South, secured 76.2% of the responses from executives polled, making him the leading candidate for the position of running mate to Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, the NPP's presidential candidate for the 2024 general elections (refer to Figure 1). Following him is Yaw Osei Adutwum, the Minister of Education and MP for the Bosomtwe constituency, who garnered 10.1% of the responses from the polled executives. Other notable personalities the delegates consider as potential running mates include Apostle Opoku Onyinah, former Chairman of the Pentecost Church of Ghana, and Bryan Acheampong, the Minister of Agriculture and MP for Abetifi Constituency.

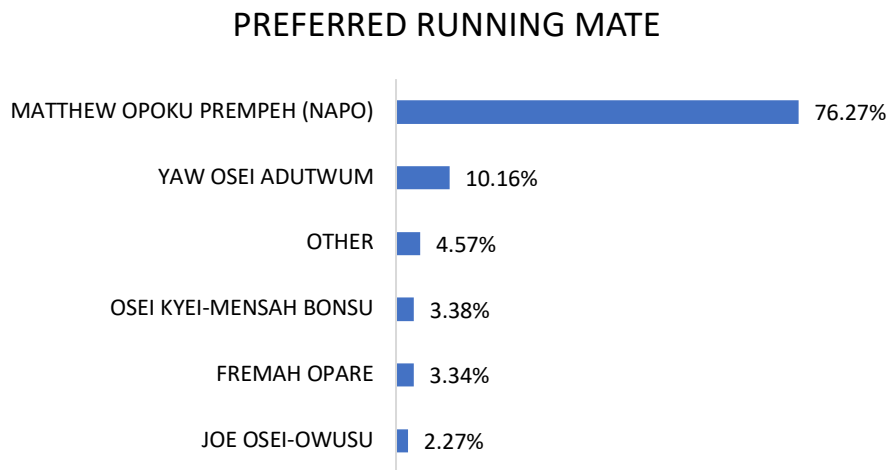


Figure 1: Preferred Running Mate

Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh emerged as the most preferred choice, especially among constituency and polling station executives, who constituted the largest segment of the sample, corresponding to 36.2% and 32.6%, respectively (refer to Table 1).

A significant majority of respondents, approximately 84%, view Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh as the ideal running mate for Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia due to his charisma and popularity among party members (refer to Figure 2). About 88% believe he is the party's choice to pair with Dr. Bawumia. Moreover, 94% of respondents said the running mate nominee should be male. However, 89% stated they would accept whoever Dr. Bawumia selects as his running mate.

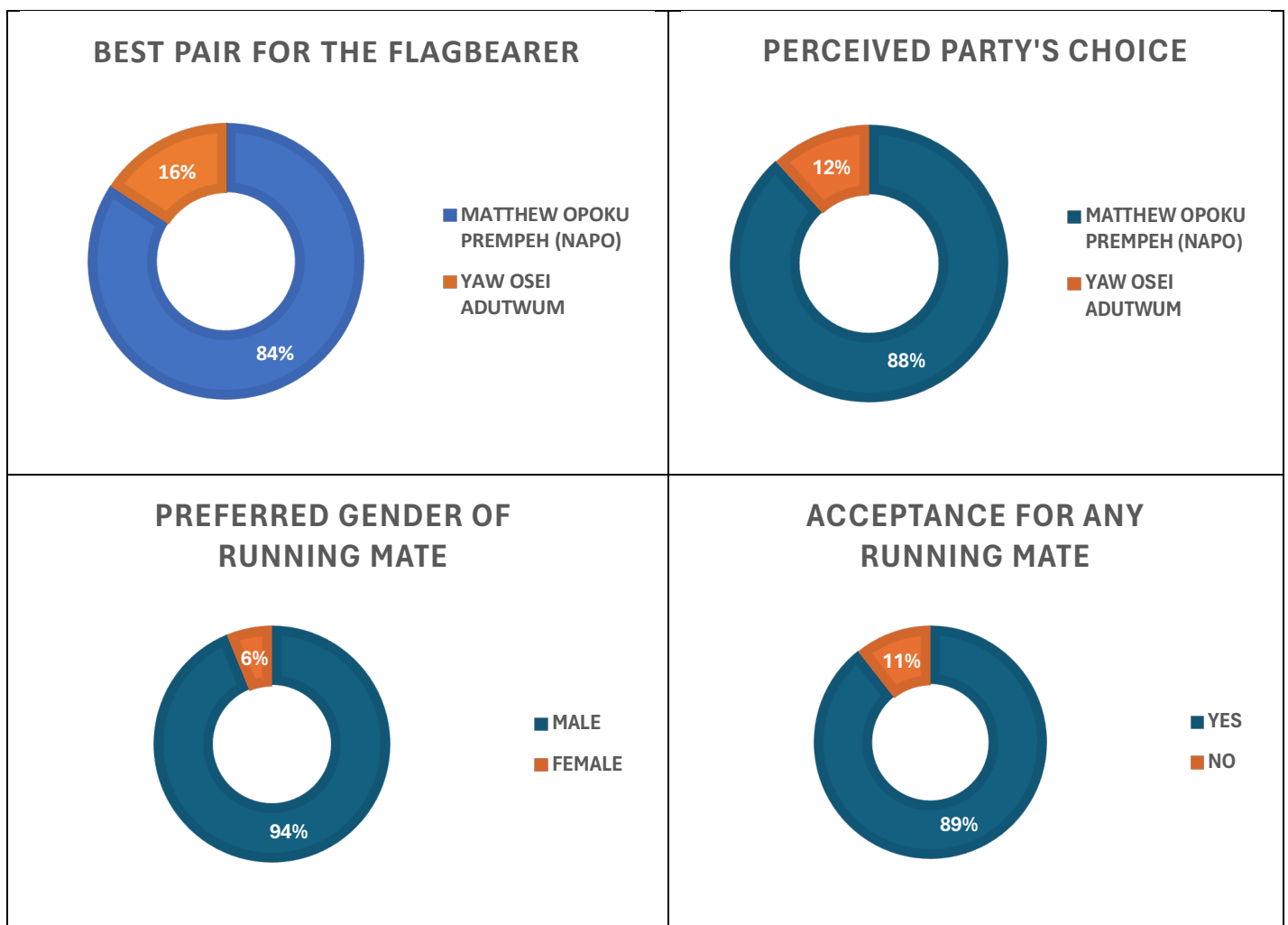


Figure 2: Preference Among Party Delegates

Among the two leading top aspirants for the position, 38.8% of constituency executives identified Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh as their preference for Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia in the 2024 general elections (refer to Table 2). Additionally, 32.6% of polling station executives preferred Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh.

The overwhelming majority of respondents (92.9%) believe that the running mate should be selected from the Ashanti region, widely regarded as the party's stronghold (refer to Figure 3).

PREFERRED REGION OF RUNNING MATE

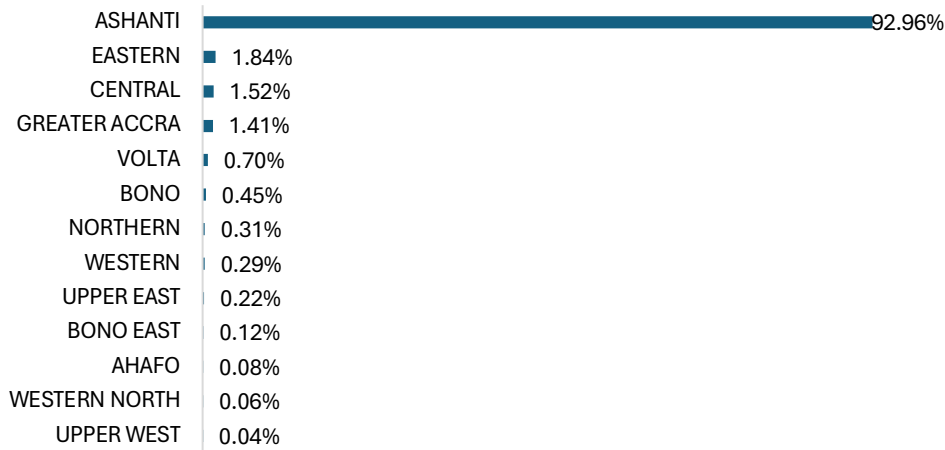


Figure 3: Preferred Region for Running Mate

Conclusion and Recommendation

Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh is highly preferred as the best pair for Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia due to his popularity and strong connections with the grassroots of the party. His nomination for the position of running mate resonates well with the grassroots. This will potentially foster party unity essential for enhancing Dr. Bawumia’s chances, particularly in the Ashanti region, a stronghold of the New Patriotic Party (NPP). This conclusion is reinforced by an early survey conducted by the NIB in January 2024, which assessed electorates choice of running mate across Ghana. Dr. Matthew Opoku Prempeh was preferred among voters for the choice of running mate to Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia.

Given Dr. Prempeh’s current role as the Minister of Energy, the ongoing power crises in Ghana could impact his candidacy. Therefore, the Government may need to implement necessary measures to solidify his competence in managing the energy sector, thereby enhancing the party’s prospects in the 2024 general elections.

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Appendix

Table 1: Position in Party and Preferred Running Mate

Preferred Running Mate	CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE	ELECTORAL AREA COORDINATOR	FOUNDING MEMBER/COUNCIL OF ELDERS	MMDCE/MP	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE	POLLING STATION EXECUTIVE	REGIONAL EXECUTIVE	Grand Total
MATTHEW OPOKU PREMPEH (NAPO)	36.20%	3.52%	1.64%	1.95%	0.02%	32.60%	0.33%	76.27%
YAW OSEI ADUTWUM	4.09%	0.49%	0.29%	0.25%	0.00%	5.00%	0.04%	10.16%
OTHER	1.88%	0.31%	0.12%	0.08%	0.00%	2.19%	0.00%	4.57%
OSEI KYEI-MENSAH BONSU	1.08%	0.20%	0.14%	0.04%	0.00%	1.94%	0.00%	3.38%
FREMAH OPARE	0.96%	0.10%	0.08%	0.04%	0.00%	2.17%	0.00%	3.34%
JOE OSEI-OWUSU	0.84%	0.12%	0.06%	0.04%	0.00%	1.21%	0.00%	2.27%
Grand Total	45.04%	4.73%	2.33%	2.40%	0.02%	45.11%	0.37%	100.00%

Table 2: Best Pair and Position in Party

Best Pair	CONSTITUENCY EXECUTIVE	ELECTORAL AREA COORDINATOR	FOUNDING MEMBER/COUNCIL OF ELDERS	MMDCE/MP	NATIONAL EXECUTIVE	POLLING STATION EXECUTIVE	REGIONAL EXECUTIVE	Grand Total
MATTHEW OPOKU PREMPEH (NAPO)	38.86%	3.83%	1.92%	2.07%	0.02%	37.22%	0.33%	84.25%
YAW OSEI ADUTWUM	6.18%	0.90%	0.41%	0.33%	0.00%	7.90%	0.04%	15.75%
Grand Total	45.04%	4.73%	2.33%	2.40%	0.02%	45.11%	0.37%	100.00%

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